

Local Development Plan Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report

Consultation Report

The draft Scoping Report was open for statutory consultation and a wider consultation from 26 July 2018 to 3 September 2018. The statutory consultees are Natural Resources Wales and Cadw. It is good practice to also consult organisations with a social and economic remit as well as those with an environmental remit, therefore the document was sent to wider stakeholders.

A total of 2 responses were received. The responses received were supportive and agreed with the proposed approach to the Sustainability Appraisal of the plan; respondents also provided more detailed comments on specific matters which are summarised below with officer responses to those matters (Table 1). Responses are presented in the format that they were received and have not been edited.

Consultees were asked about:

1. The proposed methodology and any other matters that should be included
2. The baseline data and whether the correct issues have been identified
3. The data and sources are sufficient, and if further information is necessary, provide data or suggest sources
4. Are there any other policies, plans or programmes to be included?
5. Are there any additional key sustainability problems, objectives or issues relevant to land use planning for which sustainability objectives and indicators should be developed?
6. Other general comments

Table 1: Consultation responses to the SA Scoping Report

Consultee	Comment	Officer Response
<p>Mike Ings, Dyfed Archaeological Trust</p>	<p>We are pleased to see that the SA Objectives include 21. Protect, enhance and value the built heritage and historic environment and just hope that this list of objectives isn't listed in any order of priority. The historic environment is integral to the culture and character of Wales and is a finite resource. It has connections with many of the other listed priorities, including well-being, Welsh language and culture, employment opportunities, the local economy and protection and enhancement of the landscape.</p> <p>The section on Cultural heritage, historic environment and landscape in Section 2 of the report appears appropriate, although there looks to be a bias towards designated sites. Many recorded heritage sites are not designated but should still be considered/protected through the LDP process. Could the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and the guidance documents recently published by Cadw be included with the relevant PPPs or be referenced elsewhere?</p> <p>We'd argue that there is a link between the objective to protect, enhance and value the built heritage and historic environment (21) and the objective to provide good quality employment opportunities (8) and support a sustainable and diverse local economy (9) through tourism opportunities and heritage related jobs.</p> <p>We hope that this is of assistance and please do not hesitate to contact us again should you require further information.</p>	<p>The list of objectives is ordered according to topic areas and not in any order of priority.</p> <p>Noted, the Historic Environment Records and the guidance have been added to Appendix 1, the review of policies, plans and programmes.</p> <p>Noted, the interrelationship between the SA objectives is acknowledged in the SA Scoping Report. The internal compatibility of the SA Objectives which have been assessed in table 3 has been updated to reflect link between the historic environment and employment and the economy.</p>

<p>Louise Edwards, Natural Resources Wales</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales on the above sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, which we received on 26 July 2017.</p> <p>Having reviewed the report, we are satisfied that you have identified the most significant environmental and sustainability issues in the area and agree with your approach to the Sustainability Appraisal of the plan.</p> <p>We have reviewed the relevant policies, plans and programmes in Appendix 1 and have nothing to add at this time, however we note that this is a living document and therefore may refer your Authority to additional documents at a later date, if required. The baseline data contained within Appendix 2 looks comprehensive and as with Appendix 1 we have nothing to add at present.</p> <p><u>Section 2: Topic areas, Issues and SA Objectives</u></p> <p>Table 2 Air Quality – Objective 11 states ‘Maintain and improve air quality’. Maintaining air quality should be achievable, but the plan will need to evidence how it can be improved if this objective is to remain as written.</p> <p>Table 2 Material assets – should nuclear waste be included as an indicator?</p> <p>Table 2 Biodiversity -Objective 18 states ‘Maintain, enhance and value biodiversity’. You will need to include sufficient indicators to demonstrate where the plan will ‘value’ biodiversity.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. The relevant appendices will be updated as needed.</p> <p>Noted, this will evolve as the LDP takes shape.</p> <p>Noted, an indicator on nuclear waste will not be added.</p> <p>Noted, value in this context refers to the need to recognise the intrinsic value of biodiversity. The SA Objectives are aspirational. The planning system provides a way to</p>
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	<p>Section 3: Testing the Objectives We have no comments to make on this section.</p>	<p>promote and raise awareness of the value of biodiversity. One way to capture this is to develop appropriate policy and supplementary planning guidance to incorporate this. The indicator relating to the number of planning permissions which incorporate ecological enhancements will also support this SA Objective.</p>
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